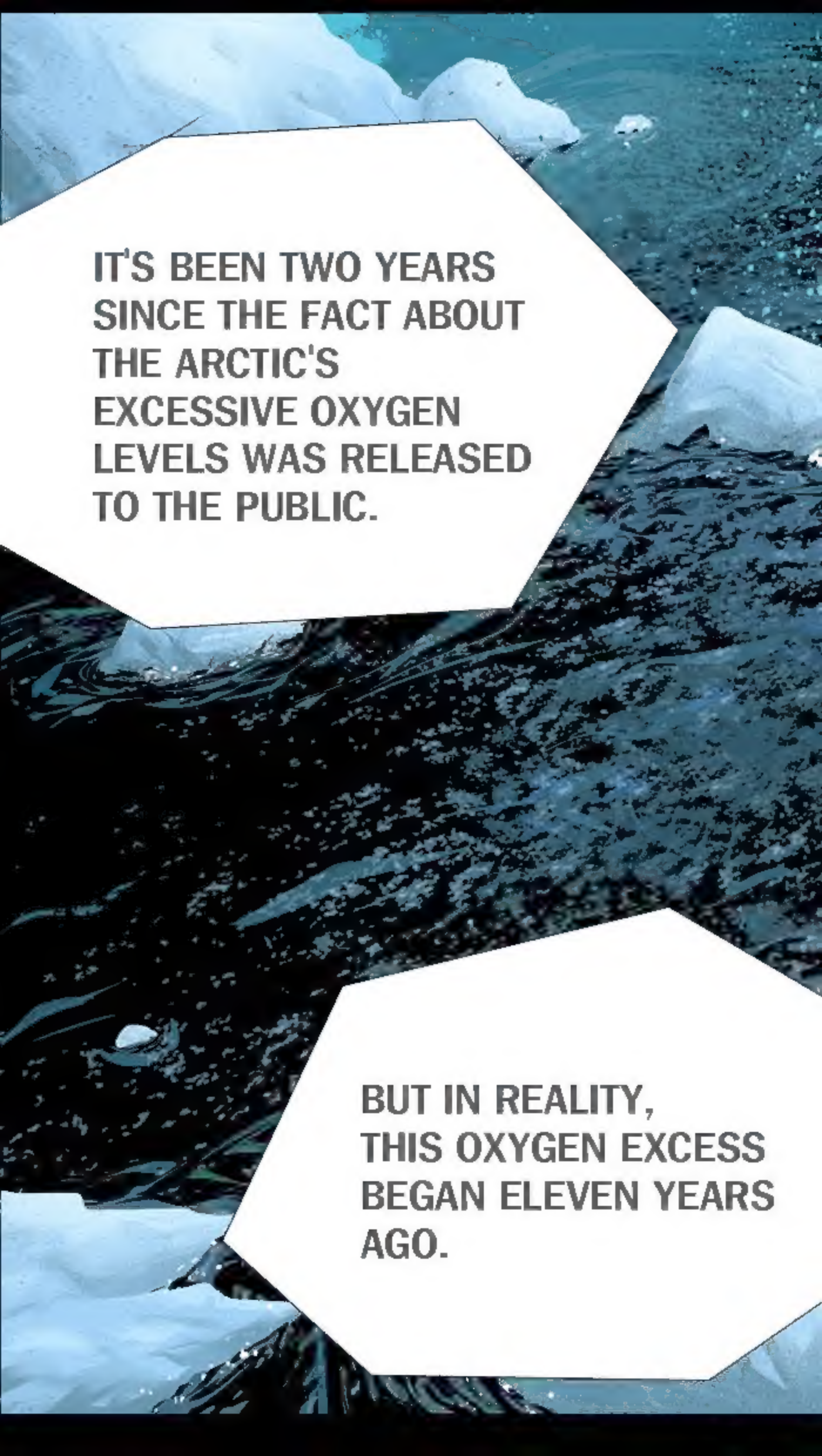


**SO WE MADE A
DECISION FOR
OUR FUTURE.**



A photograph of a vast, dark blue Arctic sea with numerous white ice floes of various sizes. The water is choppy with small waves. Two white, irregularly shaped text boxes are overlaid on the image. The first box is in the upper left, and the second is in the lower right.

**IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS
SINCE THE FACT ABOUT
THE ARCTIC'S
EXCESSIVE OXYGEN
LEVELS WAS RELEASED
TO THE PUBLIC.**

**BUT IN REALITY,
THIS OXYGEN EXCESS
BEGAN ELEVEN YEARS
AGO.**



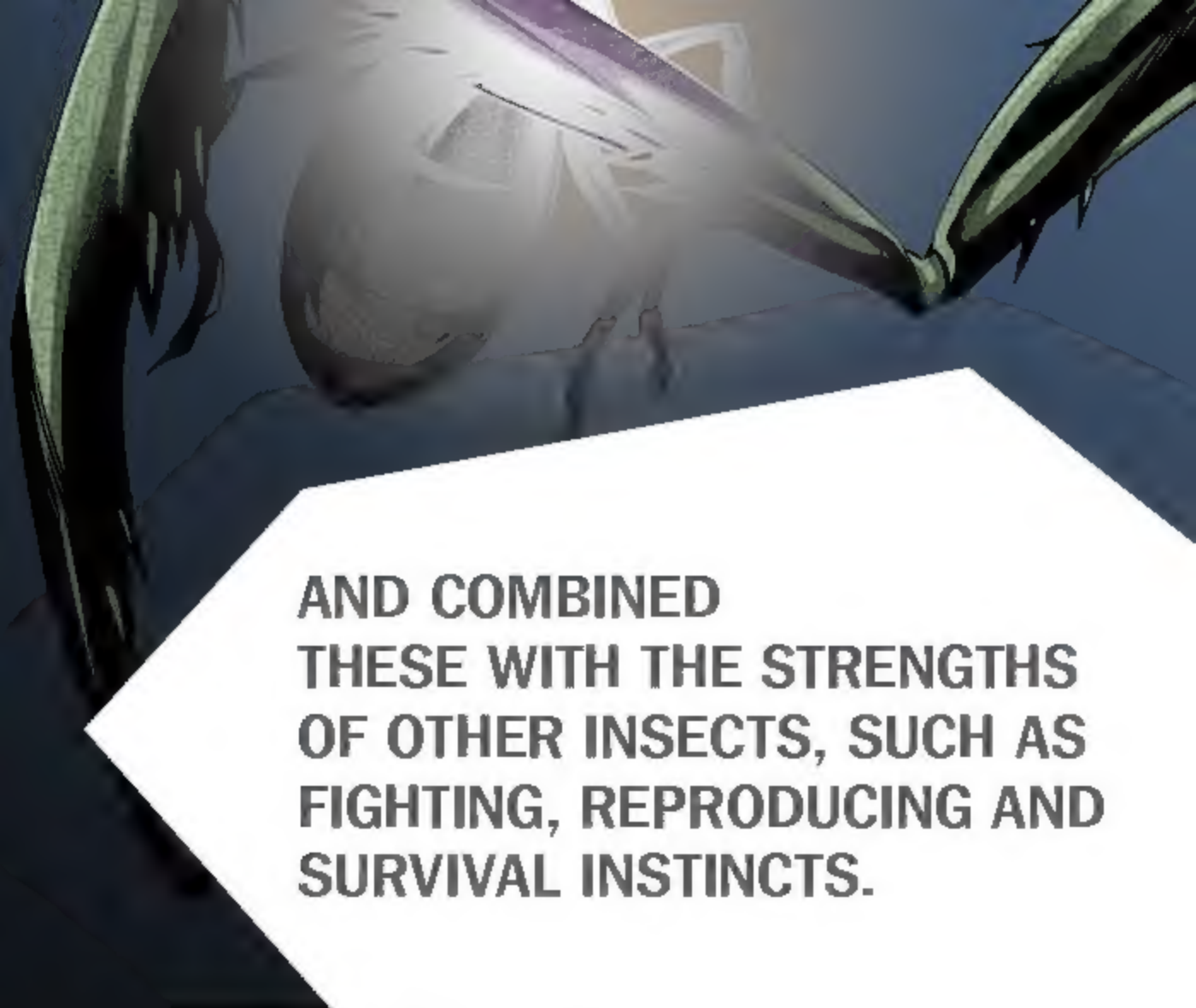
WITNESS

**WITH THE QUEEN'S LIFE SPAN
SO SHORT, HUMANS CANNOT
ACHIEVE DOMINANCE OVER
THE BLACK WASPS.**



A stylized illustration of a pink dragon with a cracked, scaly texture, surrounded by green foliage and a small insect.

**BUT WHAT WAS
MOST IMPRESSIVE
OF ALL**



**AND COMBINED
THESE WITH THE STRENGTHS
OF OTHER INSECTS, SUCH AS
FIGHTING, REPRODUCING AND
SURVIVAL INSTINCTS.**

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**WHAT IF HUMANS
CAN AT LEAST GAIN
CONTROL OVER THE
STRONGEST
INSECTS?**

**HUMANS WILL
LOSE THEIR CONTROL
OVER THE FOOD SUPPLY TO
THESE GIGANTIC
RAPIDLY-PROLIFERATING
INSECTS**





STEP

STEP



TAP

FREEZE


TAP

**THAT'S HOW
THIS BLACK
WASP WAS
BORN.**





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DON'T WORRY.
AS YOU TOLD US,
WE CHOSE A FEW PEOPLE
AT THE STATION TO BUILD
A COLLECTION TEAM.

AND...

SPART

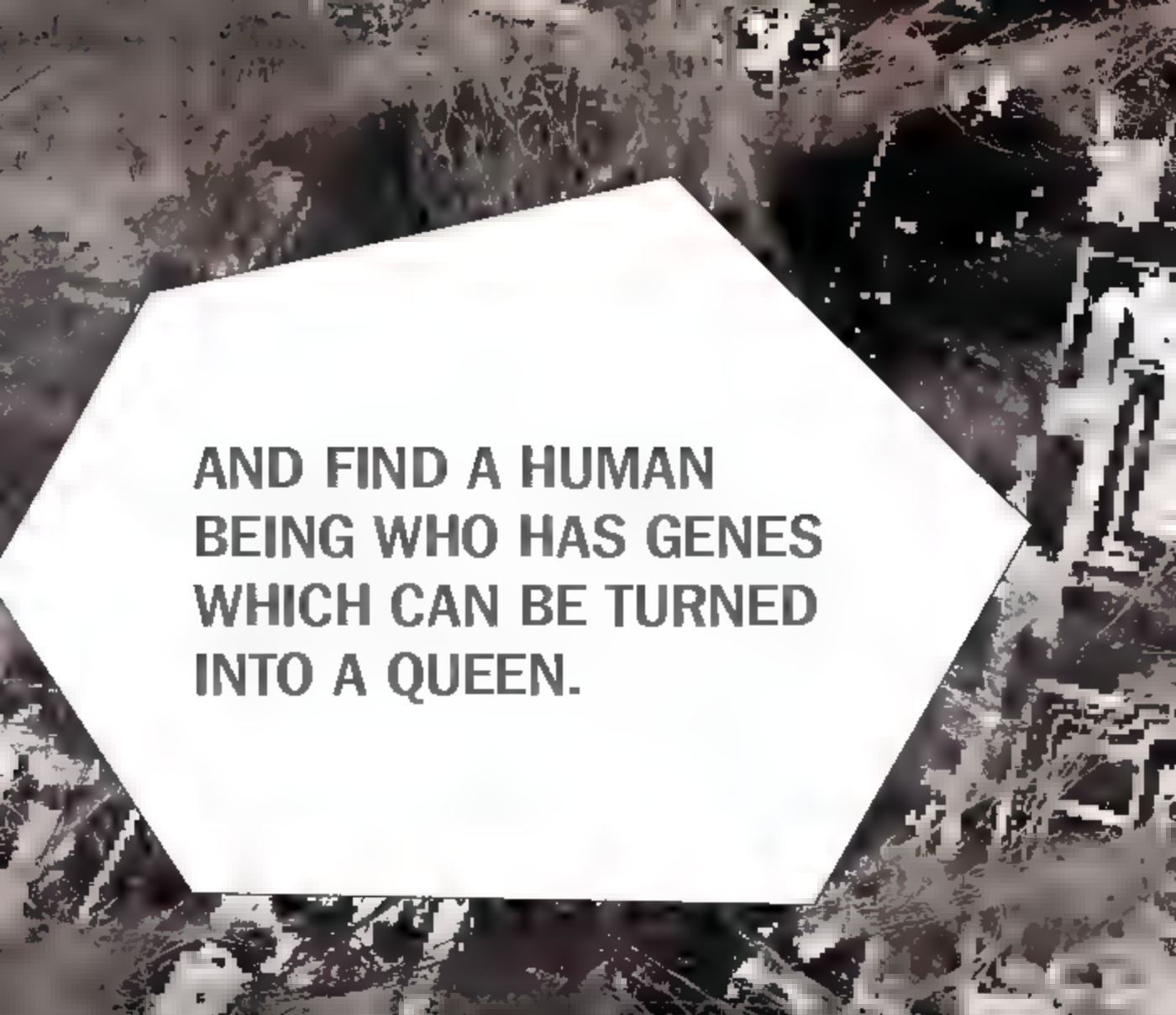


AND THE PREVIOUS QUEEN
AND HER MINIONS WERE
ANNIHILATED.



**SO THIS TIME,
WE CARRIED OUT A PROJECT
WHICH INVOLVED
COMBINING A HUMAN
AND A QUEEN.**

**IF WE CAN TURN
A HUMAN INTO
A QUEEN WASP,
WE'LL BE
UNSTOPPABLE!!**



**AND FIND A HUMAN
BEING WHO HAS GENES
WHICH CAN BE TURNED
INTO A QUEEN.**

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CRUNCH



**ACCORDING TO
THE SIMULATION,
HUMAN
CIVILIZATION**



**IS EXPECTED TO
CRUMBLE WITHIN
80 TO 200 YEARS
AT MOST.**



**WAS THAT YOU
MANAGED TO SWITCH
QUEENS WITHIN
AN INSECT LAIR WITHOUT
SUSTAINING ANY DAMAGE
WHATSOEVER.**

**THIS
OPERATION'S
NAME IS HIVE.**

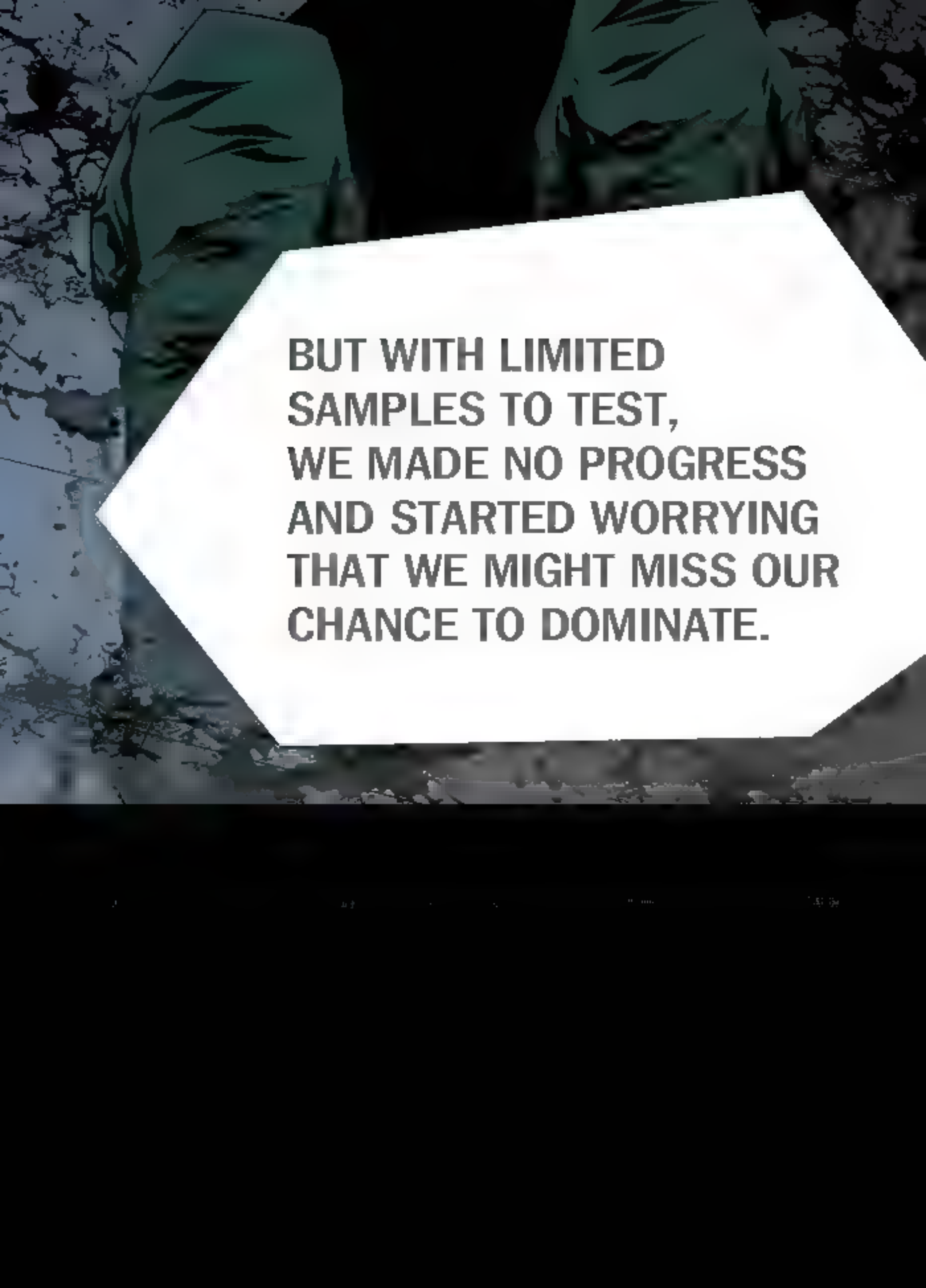
**BUT
AN UNEXPECTED
PROBLEM
OCCURRED.**



WHY'RE YOU
TELLING ME
ALL THIS?







**BUT WITH LIMITED
SAMPLES TO TEST,
WE MADE NO PROGRESS
AND STARTED WORRYING
THAT WE MIGHT MISS OUR
CHANCE TO DOMINATE.**





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YOU'VE BEEN

CHOSEN.



**WE'VE BEEN
WATCHING YOU.**

A detailed illustration of a queen ant in profile, facing left, on a green leaf. The ant has a segmented body, long antennae, and six legs. A large white circle is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image, containing text. The background shows a textured surface, possibly soil or another leaf.

**WE FOUND OUT
THAT THE QUEEN'S
LIFE SPAN IS ONLY
FOUR MONTHS –
OR SIX AT BEST.**



**SO WE'VE DEvised
A SOLUTION.**

**IF WE CANNOT
PREVENT INSECTS FROM
BECOMING THE
NEW RULERS OF
THE EARTH**

HUH..?

WHO'S THERE!
HOW'D YOU
GET IN—





**FINALLY, AFTER
INVESTING A TREMENDOUS
AMOUNT OF TIME AND
EFFORT, THIS PROBLEM
WAS ALSO SOLVED.**

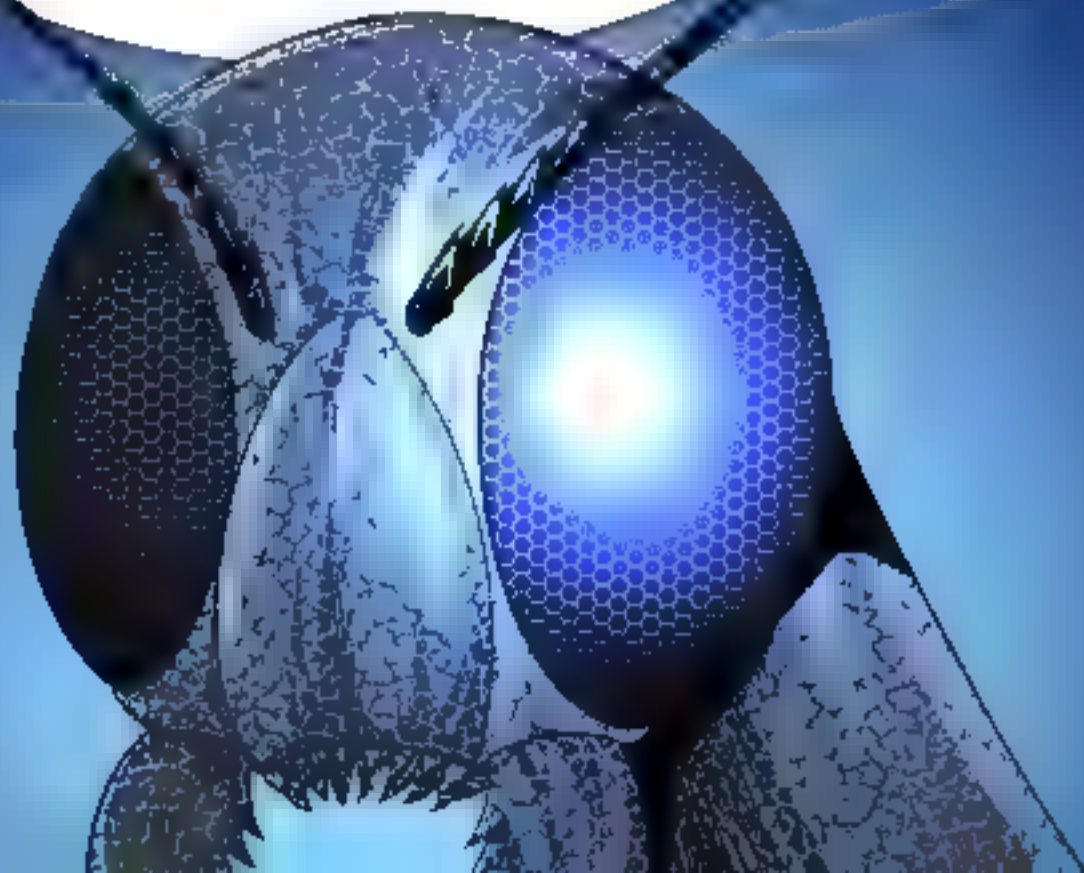


**BY USING GENES FROM OTHER
CREATURES, WE WERE ABLE TO
CREATE A QUEEN ALMOST AS
INTELLIGENT AS HUMANS.**



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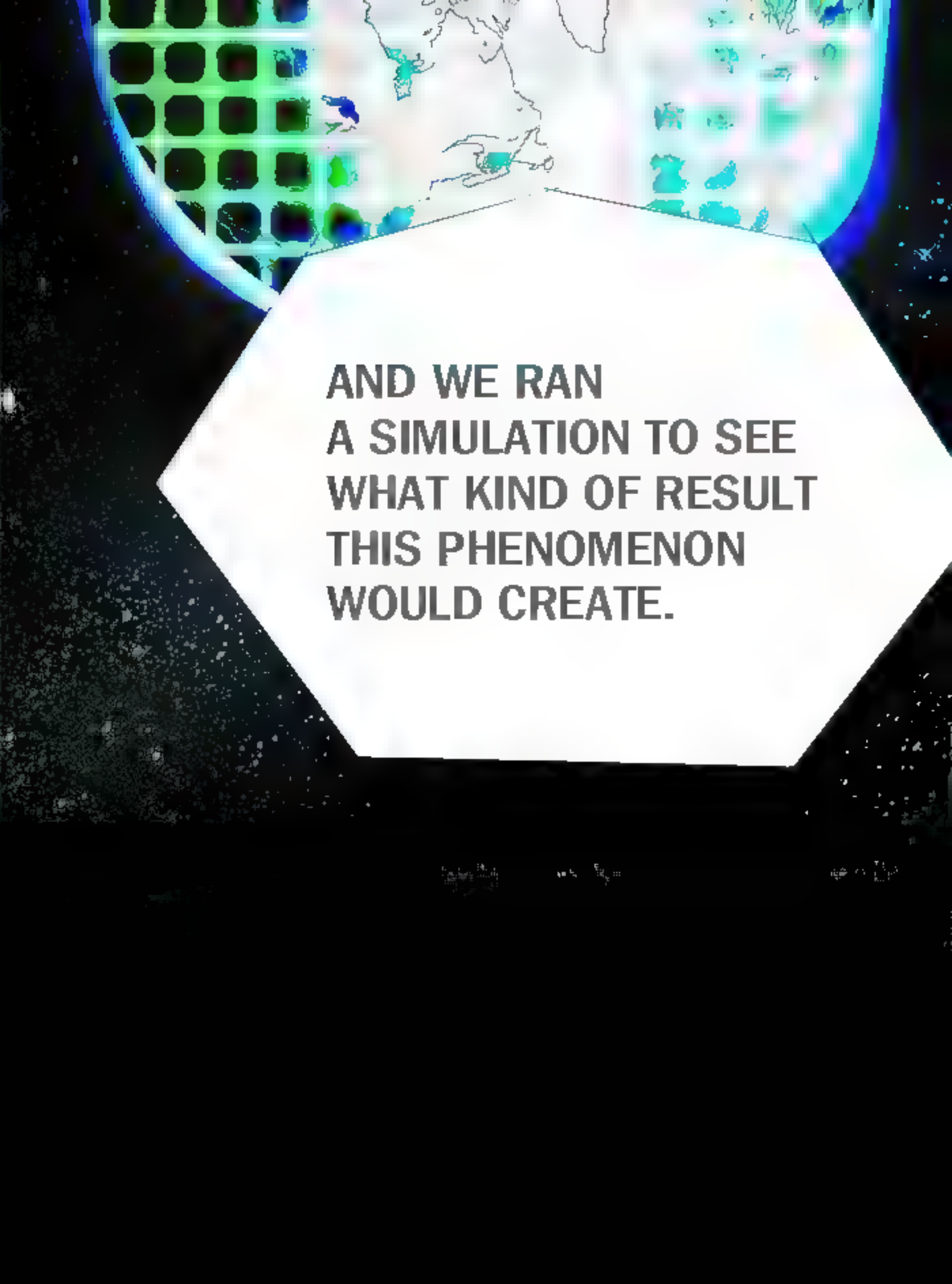
**BECAUSE IN ORDER
TO MAKE INSECTS
SUBSERVIENT TO
HUMANS**





**BUT WE HAVE SURVIVED—
THOSE WHOM
THE BUGS CONSIDER
TO BE SLAVES.**





**AND WE RAN
A SIMULATION TO SEE
WHAT KIND OF RESULT
THIS PHENOMENON
WOULD CREATE.**

HIS BRAIN EVEN WORKS
WITH THE INSECTS.



**BUT YOU'RE
EXCEPTIONAL.**

**CREATING AN
ORGANIZATION OF
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE
USING JUST A FEW WEAPONS
WE GAVE OUT
AS A STARTING POINT.**





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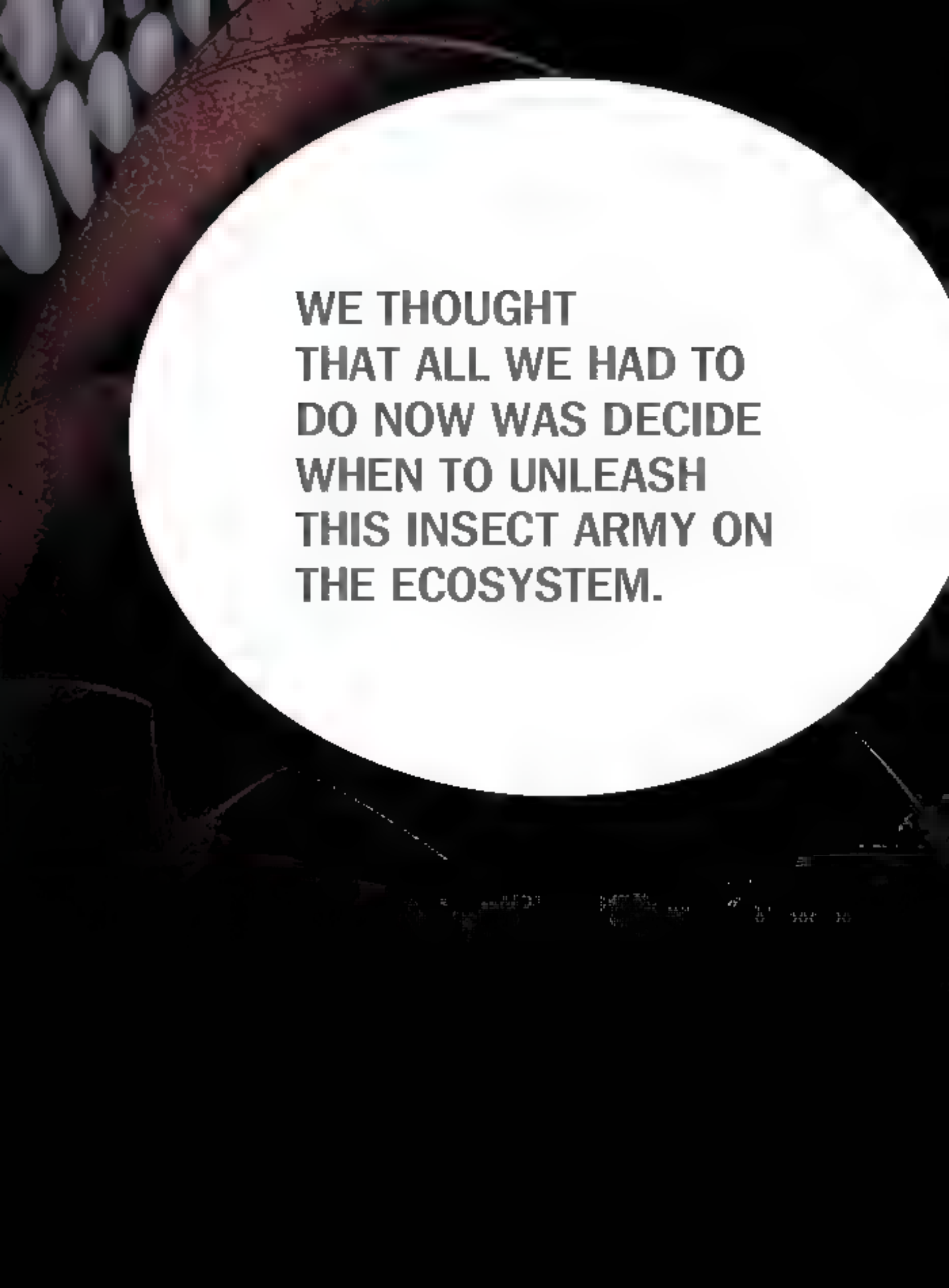
WHAT DO YOU MEAN
"WHOM,"
YOU STUPID IDIOTS!!
KILL THE
OLD QUEEN!!



IF YOU'VE GOTTEN
THE SHOT- TO THE
FOURTH HALLWAY!
IF YOU HAVEN'T-
TO THE CENTRAL HALL!
WE SERVE THE
NEW QUEEN NOW!

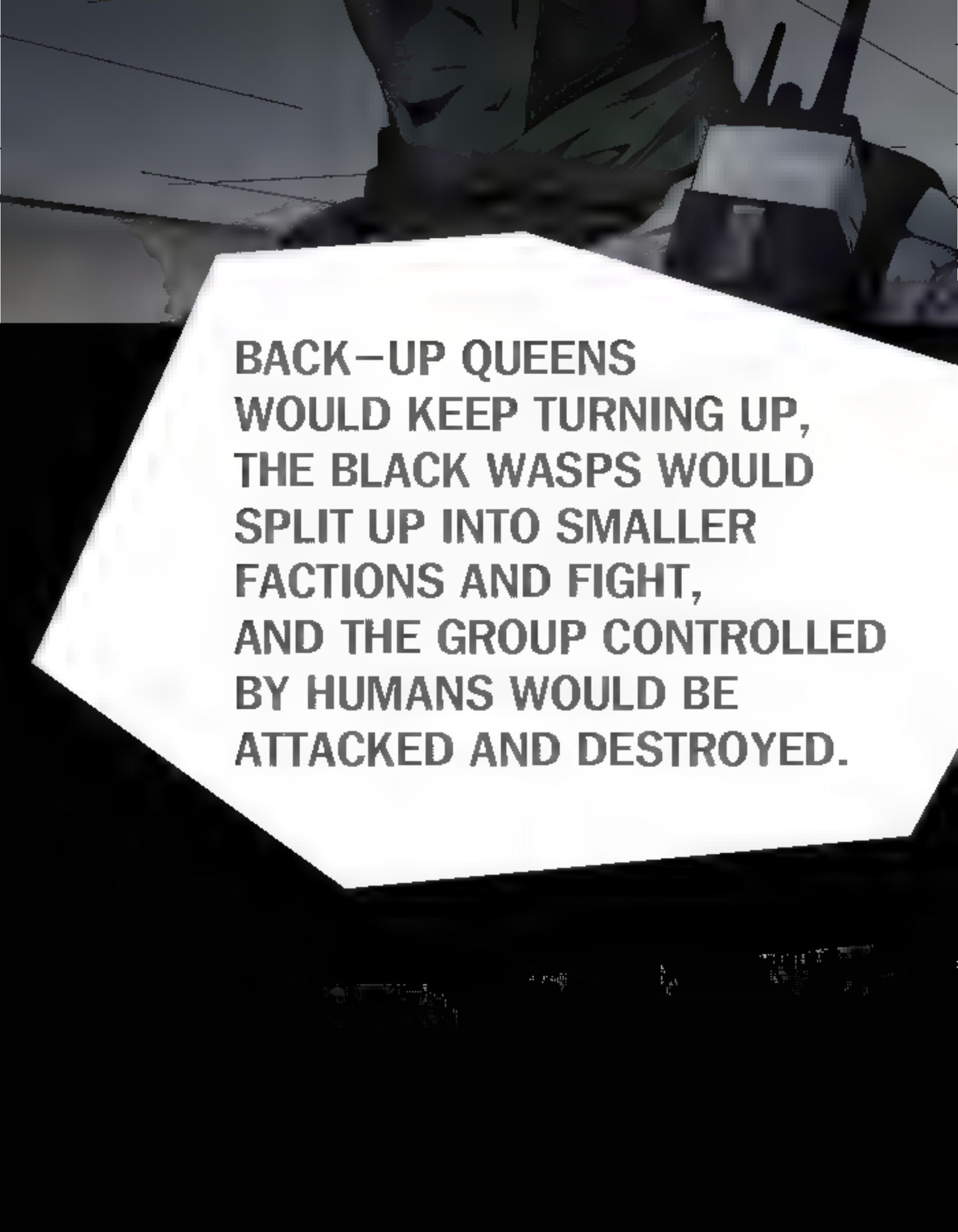
WE SURVIVED.



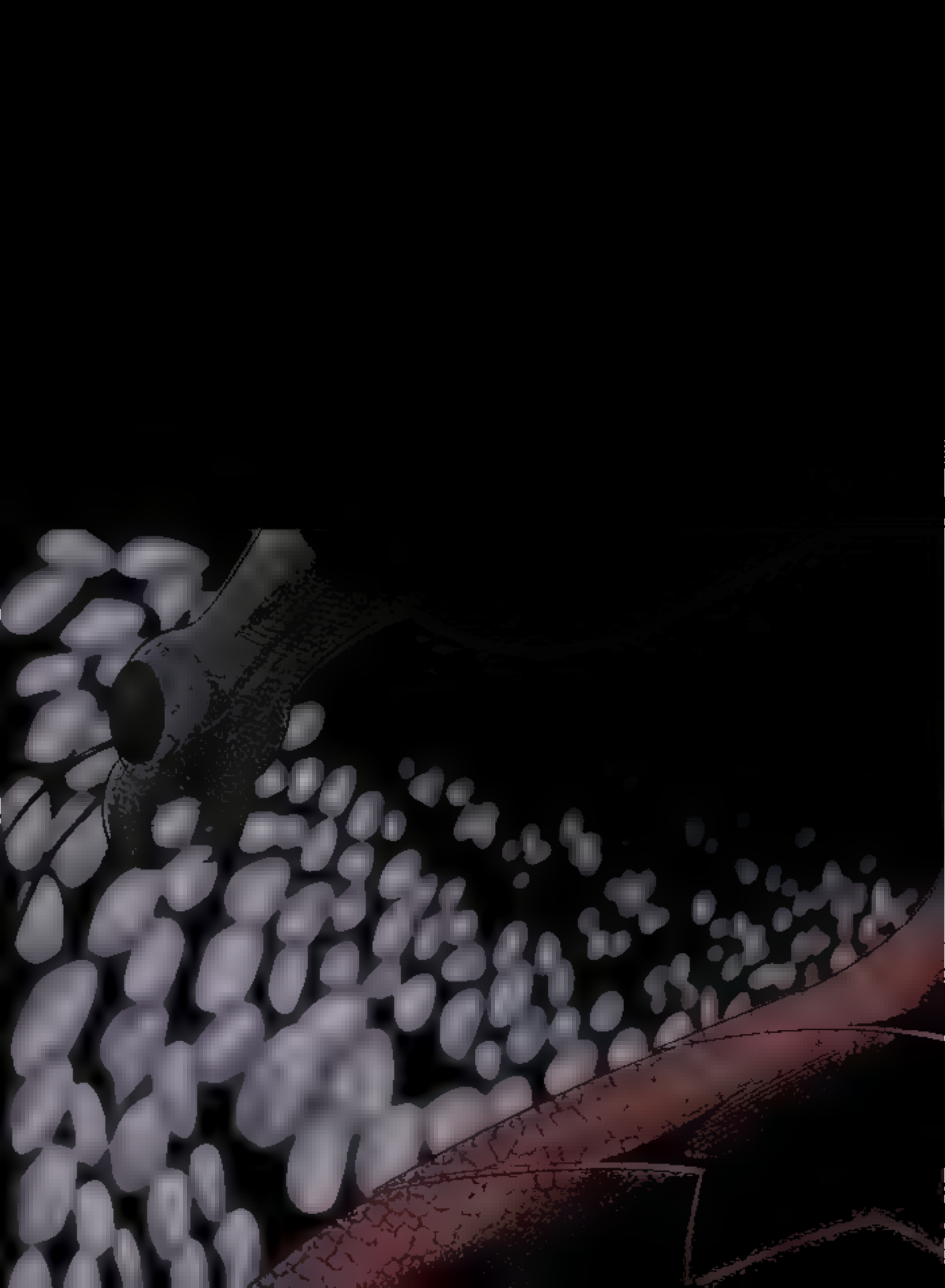


**WE THOUGHT
THAT ALL WE HAD TO
DO NOW WAS DECIDE
WHEN TO UNLEASH
THIS INSECT ARMY ON
THE ECOSYSTEM.**





**BACK-UP QUEENS
WOULD KEEP TURNING UP,
THE BLACK WASPS WOULD
SPLIT UP INTO SMALLER
FACTIONS AND FIGHT,
AND THE GROUP CONTROLLED
BY HUMANS WOULD BE
ATTACKED AND DESTROYED.**





**THERE IS
NO WAY TO
STOP THIS.**

**EVEN IF
WE MANAGE TO ALMOST
EXTERMINATE THE INSECTS,
THIS WILL ESSENTIALLY
BE SUICIDE FOR HUMANITY—
THE ULTIMATE RESULT
WILL NOT CHANGE.**



WE'VE GOT TO
FOLLOW THAT MAN!





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DRAG RACING: THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

**NOW LISTEN
CAREFULLY TO WHAT
I'M ABOUT TO
TELL YOU.**



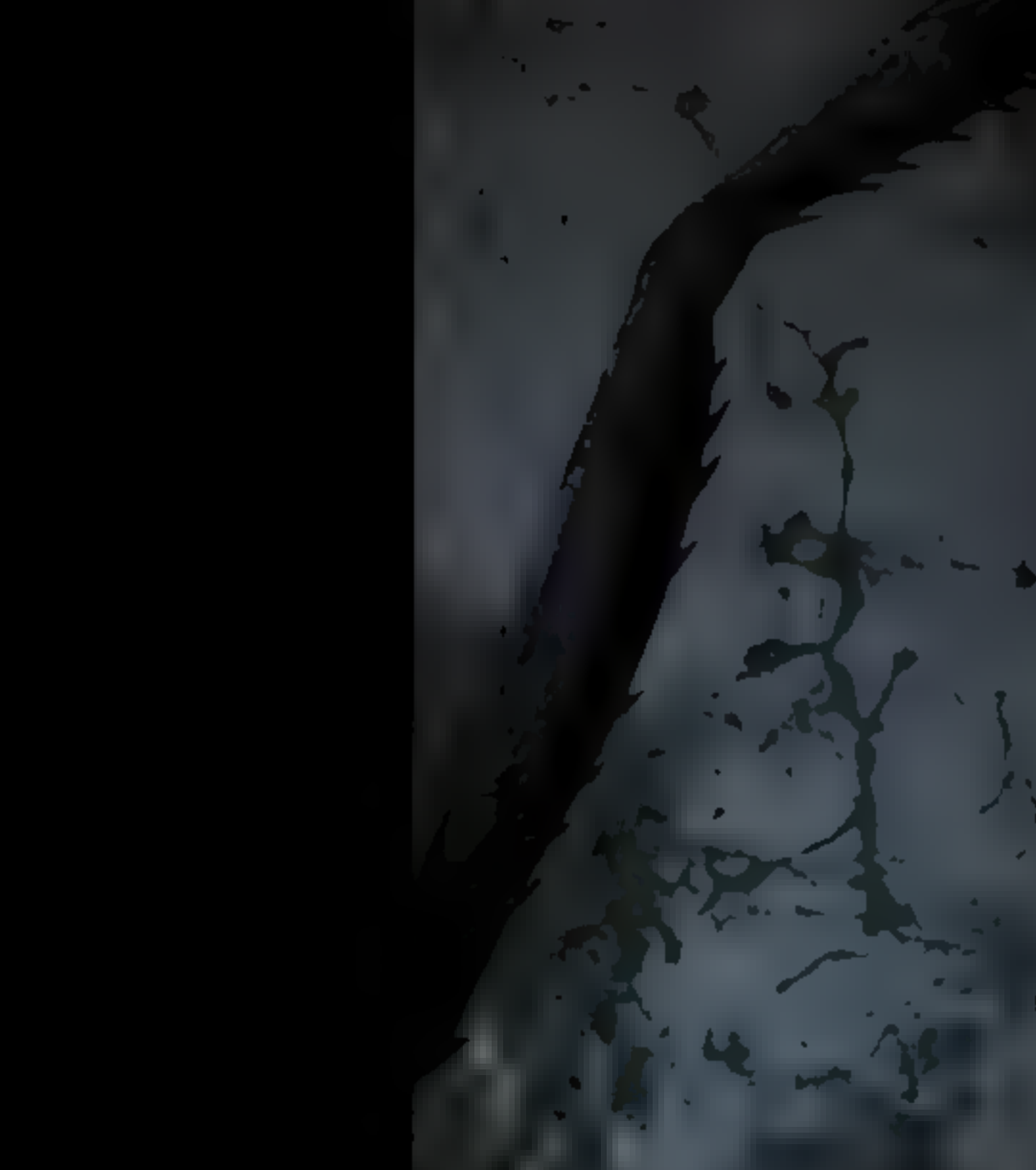


Figure 1. A large hole in the bark of a tree trunk, showing the internal structure of the tree.

the trunk of the tree. The hole was made by a wood-boring insect, and the internal structure of the tree was visible through the opening.

SIR, AREN'T
YOU TIRED?
YOU SHOULD
REST.

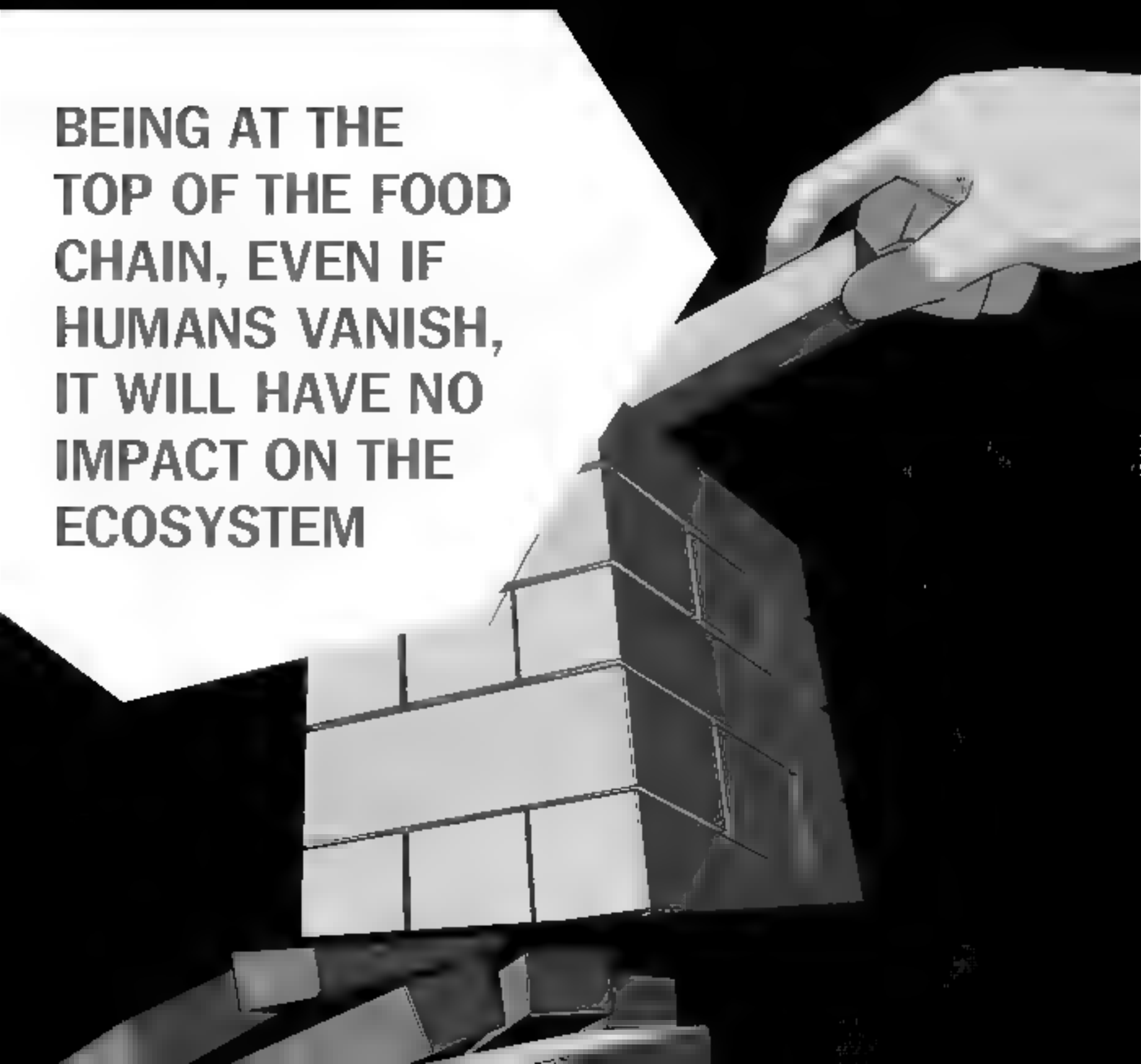


WHAT'S THE
STATUS ON THE
SPAWNING GROUND
AND STORAGE AREA?

HIVE

SHHH

**BEING AT THE
TOP OF THE FOOD
CHAIN, EVEN IF
HUMANS VANISH,
IT WILL HAVE NO
IMPACT ON THE
ECOSYSTEM**



**AFTER JUST ONE YEAR
OF THIS INEXPLICABLE
PHENOMENON TAKING
PLACE, CHANGES IN
ECOSYSTEMS WERE
OBSERVED**





**PLUS USING BULLETS AS
A FORM OF CURRENCY TO
GAIN CONTROL OUTSIDE
YOUR BASE IN ORDER
TO OBTAIN PEOPLE
AND GOODS.**







WHAT ABOUT
EUNSEONG'S WIFE?





WE'RE KEEPING
A CLOSE WATCH OVER HER,
AS YOU INSTRUCTED.
WE'VE GOT FOUR MEN
ON HER..





**AN OPERATION IN
WHICH WE SPREAD INSECTS
TO EVERY MAJOR CITY
AROUND THE WORLD**

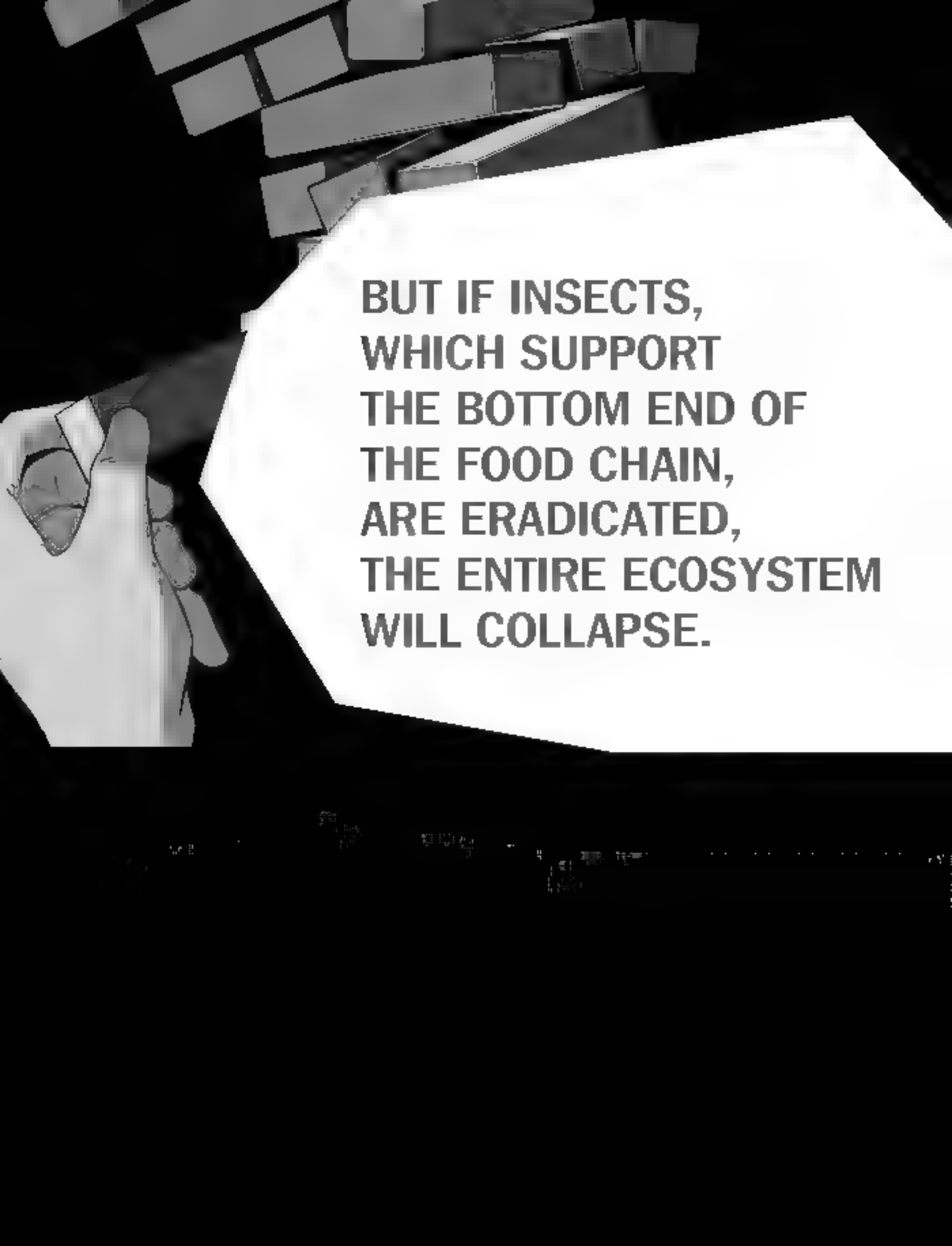


**THEY NEED
AT LEAST SOME
INTELLIGENCE**


**AND IN ORDER TO
SATISFY OUR EXPECTATIONS
FOR THIS INSECT ARMY,
THEY NEED A GREAT DEAL
OF INTELLIGENCE.**



THE STRUGGLE FOR THE
THRONE HAS ENDED.
THE REBELLION SUCCEEDED



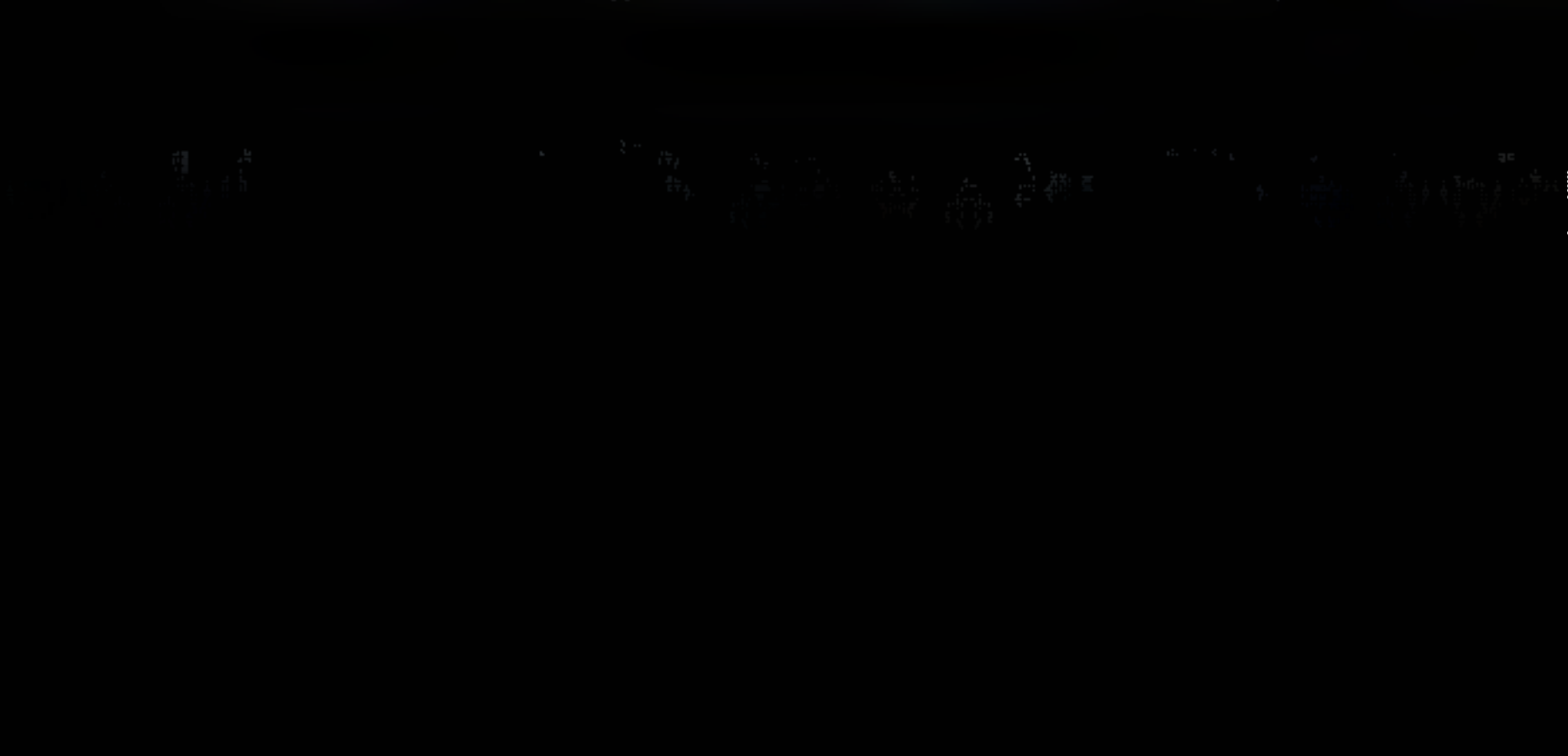
**BUT IF INSECTS,
WHICH SUPPORT
THE BOTTOM END OF
THE FOOD CHAIN,
ARE ERADICATED,
THE ENTIRE ECOSYSTEM
WILL COLLAPSE.**

An aerial photograph of a city grid, showing streets and buildings. A large, white, irregular geometric shape is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font, all in uppercase. The background image is in grayscale.

**AND AS FARMING
AND RANCHING
BECOME IMPOSSIBLE,
LARGE CITIES WHICH
CANNOT BE SUPPLIED
WITH FOOD WILL
CRUMBLE FIRST.**

THANKS TO OUR BOSS.
DIRECTOR. CHOI





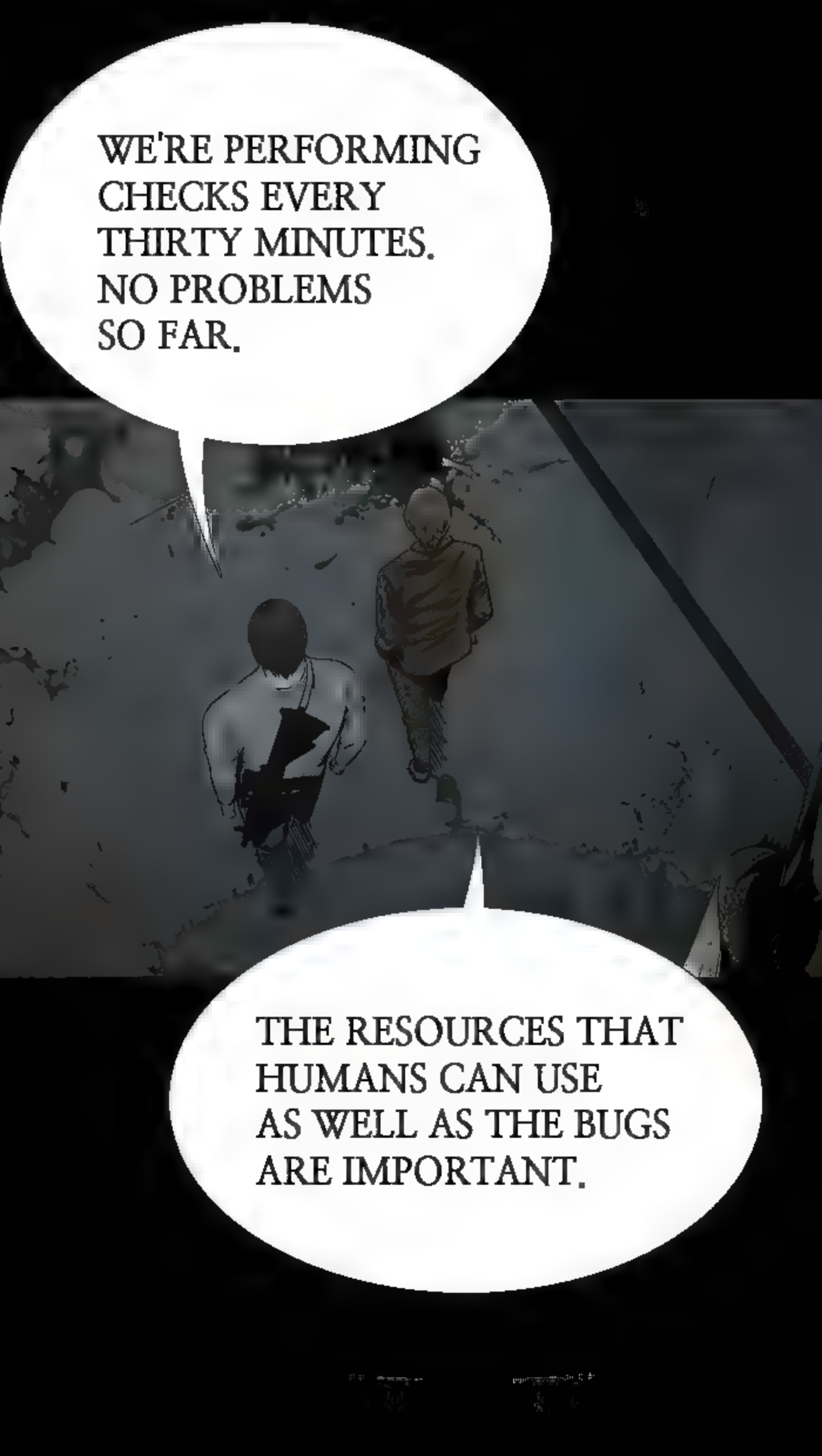


DRAG

DRAG

CHH

CHH



WE'RE PERFORMING
CHECKS EVERY
THIRTY MINUTES.
NO PROBLEMS
SO FAR.

THE RESOURCES THAT
HUMANS CAN USE
AS WELL AS THE BUGS
ARE IMPORTANT.

**WELL,
WE'VE BEEN WATCHING
SEVERAL OTHER GROUPS OF
SURVIVORS AS WELL.**



THANKS TO HIS TIMELY
AND INTELLIGENT
INSTRUCTIONS DURING
THE POWER STRUGGLE
BETWEEN THE OLD AND
NEW QUEENS,

DO IT NOW!
ATTACK!!


WHAT?
WHOM?



.....!

YOU...

**THE PROJECT TO
CREATE THE STRONGEST
INSECT WENT OFF
WITHOUT A HITCH.**

A black and white illustration of a man in a lab coat, shown in profile from the chest up. He is holding a large, detailed insect, possibly a beetle or a similar creature, in his right hand. The insect has a segmented body, long antennae, and visible legs. The man has short hair and is looking down at the insect with a focused expression. The background is dark and indistinct. Two white, angular shapes containing text are overlaid on the image: one in the upper left and one in the lower right.

**SINCE ALL WE HAD TO
DO WAS IMPROVE THE
INSECT WHICH HAD BEEN
DEVELOPED AS A SOLUTION
TO FOOD SHORTAGES
BEFORE THE OXYGEN
RELEASE BEGAN.**

**SINCE THEY HAD
TO BE CONTROLLABLE,
WE USED COLONY-BASED
INSECTS LIKE ANTS AND
BEES AS A BASIS**



**IN THEORY,
IT WAS POSSIBLE TO
COMBINE A BLACK
WASP AND
A HUMAN.**



NOT ONLY DID
THE NEW QUEEN'S ARMY
NOT HARM US—



THEY ACCEPTED US AS
FELLOW SOLDIERS.
THIS IS ALL—



**AFTER OBSERVING
YOU, WE'VE DECIDED
TO MAKE USE OF
YOU IN A BIG WAY.**

**WE SUCCEEDED
IN CREATING
AN ARMY OF THE
STRONGEST
POSSIBLE TYPE
OF INSECT**

**BUT
THAT'S WHERE
THE EASY
PART ENDED.**

